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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL PENETRATION: PRESS

1. DAN FISHER OF LA TIMES APPROACHED P&C COUNSELOR THIS AFTERNOON FOR COMMENT ON "STORY" FISHER SAYS HE HAS PICKED UP. HE OF COURSE DID NOT IDENTIFY SOURCE. ACCORDING TO FISHER HE HAD HEARD THAT DURING EMBASSY RENOVATION PROJECT, SOVIET ELECTRONIC GEAR WAS FOUND IN SOUTH WING VENTILATION SHAFT AND IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THIS WAS CONNECTED TO TUNNEL, AND THAT A MAN HAD BEEN SEEN IN THE TUNNEL. P&C COUNSELOR (WHO HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN BRIEFED ON PENETRATION TOLD HIM HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE MATTER BUT WOULD CHECK.

2. P&C COUNSELOR (STILL UNBRIEFED) HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TELL FISHER, IF LATTER CALLS BACK, THAT HE IS STILL CHECKING BUT HAS NOTHING FOR HIM.

3.COMMENT: WE CANNOT ESTIMATE AT THIS POINT WHETHER FISHER CONSIDERS HIS STORY SOLID ENOUGH TO FILE. WE OF COURSE CANNOT DENY STORY BUT WILL CONTINUE TO REFUSE CONFIRMATION OR ANY COMMENT. PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ARE BEING REMINDED TO SAY ABSOLUTELY NOTHING WHICH WOULD TEND TO CONFIRM FISHER'S STORY. HOWEVER, IN
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ABSENCE OF FLAT OFFICIAL DENIAL, WE MUST ASSUME THAT FISHER WILL IN FACT SENT OUT WHAT HE HAS SOONER OR LATER.
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